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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Steven R. Wasylchak

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Remarks

1. This office action is in response to applicants remarks received on January 28, 2003. Claims 1-16 are pending.
2. Previously claims 1-3 and 7-11 were amended; claims 13-16 were added.
3. In response to Applicant's arguments, a further detailed breakdown of reference locations of operative terms in the claims is provided in bold letters. Examiner reviewed Applicant's remarks and respectfully found them to be unpersuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Kagami et al (US 5,974,400) and further in view of Graf et al (US 6,349,300).

As per claim 1,

(Amended) A system for on-line viewing of an article on another structure, comprising:

-on-line viewer site; / fig 2(203); abstract; col 2, L 12-20;); **col 5, L 52-60**

col 11, L 7-10; e.g., colors: **fig 7(705), 8(705)**

-and a computer-driven web-linking engine configured and arranged to create an item from image-data/ col 1, L 10-19; fig 5(501); fig 7; fig 8, col 3, L 17-18; col 3, L 56-66.

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-corresponding to a colored article selected by an on-line viewer from the on-line viewer site for display with an image of a colored structure selected by the on-line viewer,/ fig 7(701,702,705); fig 8(705,801,20131); **col 5, L 52-60**

-Kagami teaches the computer-driven web-linking engine and the colored article and the colored structure./ fig 8 (801: TRY ON RESULTS, which would include color combinations). However, Kagami does not explicitly teach comparison of color codes identifying respective colors. Graf et al teaches the comparison of color codes identifying respective colors. / abstract; fig 2 (34,48); fig 3; fig 5(30,54). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine these limitations for the advantage of simultaneous multiple comparisons to save time and, In re Harza, 274 F.2d 669,124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960), the court held that plurality or parts or elements has no patentable significance unless a new and unexpected result is produced, of which Examiner sees no unexpected result (in response to Applicant's argument of "viewing the color of more than one item at a time on line").

-Kagami teaches a colored article and the colored structure/ fig 8 (801: TRY ON RESULTS, which would include color combinations). However, Kagami et al does not explicitly teach the colored article and the colored structure satisfying a color-matching scheme. Graf et al teaches the color matching scheme (abstract; fig 2,3,5); col 1, L 4-63; col 3, L 59 to col 4, L 34; col 5, L 5-31, L 65 to col 6, L 29). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

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applicant's invention to combine these limitations for the advantage of simultaneous multiple comparisons in the **same location** to **save time** by not flipping back and forth and, In re Harza, 274 F.2d 669,124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960), the court held that plurality or parts or elements has no patentable significance unless a new and unexpected result is produced, of which Examiner sees no unexpected result (in response to Applicant's argument of "viewing the color of more than one item at a time on line"). **Note:** Applicant's "**high secrecy**" (which is obviously not absolute secrecy) motivation argument (col 6, lines 42-44) pertains only to face and body shape, not to color attributes, which are clearly listed and visually seen in fig 7, 8 in (705) and (801). Also, by combining the two references any of the color combinations would ultimately be revealed on the model in fig 7, 8. The two references have many purposes, but as can be seen from their titles, color and garment selection are the primary purposes and obviously they can go hand in hand.

As per claim 2,

(Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer-driven web-linking engine compares by using a data set that includes a frequency-based color identification code provided for the color of the article and a frequency-based color identification code provided for the color of the structure. / col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52; **col 5, L 52-60; col 6, L 5-10; applicant's own admission in specification on page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

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As per claim 5,

The system of claim 1, further including a computer arrangement generating the image data corresponding to the colored article with the color identification code provided for the color of the article. / **fig 7,8**; col 4, L 17-58; col 5, L 38-64; **col 5, L 52-60**

As per claim 6,

A system for on -line viewing of an article on another structure, comprising:

-means for viewing images at a video display site; and

web-linking means for creating an item from image-data corresponding to a colored article selected by an on-line viewer from the on-line viewer site with an image of a colored structure selected by the on-line viewer, the computer-driven web-linking engine adapted to indicate whether the colored article and the colored structure satisfy a color-matching criterion. / refer to reasoning under claim 1

As per claim 7,

(Amended) A method for on-line viewing of an article on another structure, comprising: viewing images at a video display site; and creating an item from image-data corresponding to a colored article selected by an on-line viewer from the on-line viewer site for display with an image of a colored structure selected by the on-line viewer, comparing color codes identifying respective colors of the colored article and colored item, and in response, indicating whether the colored article and the colored structure satisfy a color-matching criterion. / refer to reasoning under claim 1

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As per claim 8,

(Amended) A method for on-line viewing of an article on an other structure, comprising:
creating an item from image-data corresponding to a colored article selected by an
on-line viewer from an on-line viewer site for display with an image of a colored
structure selected by an on-line viewer, comparing color codes identifying respective
colors of the colored article and colored item, and in response, indicating whether the
colored article and the colored structure satisfy a color-matching criterion. / refer to
reasoning under claim 1

As per claim 9,

(Amended) The method of claim 8, further including creating the item using a data set
that includes a frequency-based color identification code provided for the color of the
article and a frequency-based color identification code provided for the color of the
structure. / col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52; **col 5, L 52-60; col 6, L 5-10; applicant's own
admission page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

As per claim 12,

The method of claim 8, further including generating the image-data corresponding to the
colored article with the color identification code provided for the color of the article. / col
4, L 17-58; col 5, L 38-64; **col 5, L 52-60; col 6, L 5-10; applicant's own admission in
specification on page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

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As per claim 13,

(New) The system of claim 1, wherein the color-matching criterion includes a color reference coding chart. / abstract; fig 1-5; col 1, L 4-63; col 3, L 59 to col 4, L 34; col 5, L 5-31, L 65 to col 6, L 29; **fig 7(705), 8(705); applicant's own admission page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

As per claim 14,

(New) The system of claim 14, wherein the color-reference coding chart is based on measured color frequencies. / col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52 (spectrum as a range of frequencies which are a property of all colors); **applicant's own admission page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

As per claim 15,

(New) The system of claim 15, wherein respective colors of the colored article and the colored structure are represented by an electronic color tag that indicates a measurement of the respective colors using the color-reference chart. / col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52; **applicant's own admission page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

As per claim 16,

(New) The system of claim 16, wherein the electronic tags are part of product codes that identify the respective article and structure. / col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52; **applicant's own admission page 5 (last para.) to page 8, L 9.**

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6. Claims 3, 4 and 10, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graf et al (US 6,349,300) and in view of Kagami et al. (US 5,974,400).

As per claims 3 and 10,

The system of claim 2, wherein Graf teaches a data set (col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52).

However, Graf does not teach an article size code. Kagami et al teaches an article size code (col 70, L 41-50; fig 27(identifier as a code); fig 30). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use this limitation for the advantage of offering more product information upon which a customer can make a more informed decision to purchase an article.

As per claim 4 and 11,

The system of claim 3, wherein Graf teaches a the data set (col 5, L 65 to col 6, L 52).

However, Graf does not teach an article style code. Kagami et al teaches an article style code (col 34, L 66 to col 35, L 17; col 50, L 53-62 (style is a preference); col 63, L 15-19; col 96, L 62-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use this limitation for the advantage of offering more product information upon which a customer can make a more informed decision to purchase an article.

This action is NON-FINAL. Prior finality is withdrawn due to introduction of new art. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703)

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308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached at (703) 308-1065. The fax number for Art Unit 3624 is (703) 305-7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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Primary Examiner